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SUBJECT: IPU CONFERENCE IN LONDON

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1. WE NOTE TAQLA'S ACCOUNT OF LONDON IPU CONFERENCE
DIFFERS FROM USDEL'S AS SUMMARIZED LONDON REFTTEL.
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY STATE ADVISER AT CON-
FERENCE MAY BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY CAIRO.

2. AS EMBASSY MAY RECALL FROM USDEL IPU VISIT TO CAIRO IN
FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, US IPU DELEGATES ARE WELL DISPOSED
TO EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN IPU, PARTICULARLY LAILA
TAQLA AND RUSHDI SAID.

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3. PROBLEM AT LONDON CONFERENCE WAS TEXT OF ARAB DRAFT (CO-SPONSORED BY EGYPT, LEBANON, JORDAN, SYRIA, KUWAIT, YAR, MAURITANIA, SUDAN, TUNISIA) WHICH CONTAINED NOW FAMILIAR DEMANDS FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS TO NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL AS CONDEMNATIONS OF ISRAELI ACTIONS. AS SUBMITTED, ARAB DRAFT HAD NO REFERENCE TO SINAI II, TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS EXCEPT FOR RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE, OR TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT EXCEPT IN CONTEXT OF ISRAELI IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC AND UNGA RESOLUTIONS.

(TEXT BEING POUCHED MAESTRONE).

4. AS CONFERENCE WORE ON, IT ALSO BECAME CLEAR ARAB DELS (SYRIA AND JORDAN APPEARED TO BE LEADING THE EFFORT) WERE GOING TO RELY ON VOTING STRENGTH TO HAVE CONFERENCE ENDORSE SUCH RESOLUTION AND WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN WESTERN EUROPEAN OR NORTH AMERICAN EFFORTS TO MAKE IT MORE BALANCED DRAFT.

5. USDEL (INCLUDING DERWINSKI) PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF EXTENT OF LAILA TAQLA'S EFFORTS DESCRIBED REFTEL TO "MODERATE" DRAFT RESOLUTION, BUT NOTED THAT RUSHDI SAID, WHO HAS BEEN LEADING ARAB SPOKESMAN IN PREVIOUS IPU MEETINGS, WAS NOT INCLUDED ON THREE ARAB SEATS IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND DID NOT SPEAK IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON ME RESOLUTION (HE DID SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF PLO OBSERVERS, HANDLED AS SEPARATE ITEM).

6. AFTER DRAFTING COMMITTEE FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON COMPROMISE TEXT, BOTH ARAB AND COMPOSITE WESTERN DRAFT WERE SENT TO FULL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, WHERE IT CLEAR MAJORITY OF ARABS, EES, AND NON-ALIGNED WOULD FAVOR ARAB DRAFT. AS NOTED, ARAB DRAFT HAD NO REFERENCE TO SINAI II. BELGIAN REP MOVED INCORPORATION OF PARA FROM WESTERN DRAFT WELCOMING SINAI II AND URGING FURTHER SIMILAR STEPS. AMENDMENT ADOPTED 23(US) TO 20. MOST ARABS VOTED AGAINST; EGYPT SUPPORTED. NUMEROUS OTHER WESTERN PROPOSALS FROM FLOOR DESIGNED TO RESTORE BALANCE TO ARAB DRAFT WERE DEFEATED. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, US AND OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOTH IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND CONFERENCE PLENARY. VOTE IN LATTER BODY WAS 483-215(US) WITH 57 ABSTENTIONS. (US HAD 22 VOTES CAST BY FIVE DELEGATES).

7. REP DERWINSKI URGED MODERATION IN SEVERAL INTERVENTIONS IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE. HE SOUGHT TO ENGINEER COMPROMISE TEXT IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE, WITHOUT ENTERING INTO SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE ON

PASSAGES ON PALESTINE AND ISRAEL. IN THE END, USDEL
VOTE BASED ON SUBSTANCE OF ARAB RESOLUTION. ABSTENTION
OR AFFIRMATIVE US VOTE, IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF CONFERENCE,
WOULD HAVE GREATLY SURPRISED AND DISCONCERTED WEST
EUROPEANS(MANY OF WHOM GREW FAIRLY INDIGNANT ABOUT ARAB
TACTICS) TO SAY NOTHING OF ISRAEL. MORE IMPORTANTLY,
IT WOULD HAVE SIGNALLED MAJOR CONGRESSIONAL DIFFERENCE
WITH EXISTING US POLICY ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION. USDEL

WAS IN FACT DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT ARABS OTHER THAN
EGYPT REACTED SO NEGATIVELY TO JUST-ANNOUNCED SINAI II
AGREEMENT AND SHOWED NO WILLINGNESS TO MOVE FROM THEIR
TOTAL DEMANDS ON PALESTINE QUESTION.

8. IF INDEED EGYPTIANS SHOULD RAISE QUESTION DURING
SADAT VISIT, WE PLAN TO SAY USDEL REGRETTED THAT IN
CIRCUMSTANCES OF CONFERENCE EGYPTIANS WERE NOT ABLE TO
EXERCISE CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE AND THAT WORDING
OF RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE AND STATUS OF ISRAEL LEFT
USDEL (AND WEST EUROPEANS) NO CHOICE BUT TO VOTE AGAINST
ARAB DRAFT.

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